

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 27, 32-33, 44-45 and 48-60 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-26, 28-31, 34-43, and 46-47 have been cancelled.

In the outstanding Official Action, claim 27 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Applicant believes the present amendment obviates this rejection.

In imposing the rejection, the Official Action alleges that the term "A $\beta$ -Arc peptide" is indefinite. While applicant believes that the term would be definite to one of ordinary skill in the art, in the interest of advancing of prosecution, claim 27 has been amended to recite that the A $\beta$ -Arc peptide is selected from the group consisting of A $\beta$ 39-Arc (Amino Acids 1-39 of SEQ ID NO:1), A $\beta$ 40-Arc (Amino Acids 1-40 of SEQ ID NO: 1), and A $\beta$ 42-Arc (SEQ ID NO: 1).

Thus, in view of the above, applicant believes the present amendment obviates this rejection.

Claim 52 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Applicant believes the present amendment obviates this rejection.

In imposing the rejection, the Official Action alleged that the term "composition" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 52 has been amended so that the term "composition" has been replaced by the term --protofibril--. As claim 44 clearly recites the term "protofibril", applicant believes that claim 52 is definite to one of ordinary skill in the art.

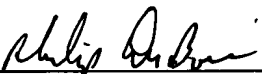
At this time, applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 44-45, 49-51 and 57-60.

In view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, therefore, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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